

Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program Bi-Monthly Conference Call

Thursday February 25, 2016

Present: Cascade ✓, Custer □, Deer Lodge □, Flathead ✓, Gallatin ✓, Lewis and Clark □, Missoula ✓, Ravalli ✓, RiverStone ✓, Sanders✓, Silver Bow ✓ (present ✓, not present □)

Agenda Items

Chris Fogelman – Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative update—Meeting on Monday evening. The meeting for BPCS and BPC will be at 5:30 pm or 6:00 pm. Are there any attendees with dietary restrictions? I do have three who were on the call, if anyone else has dietary restriction, please let me know.

Chris Fogelman – Clarification about allowable costs for CLC and IBCLC—BPCP funds may not be used to pay for exams, renewals, or membership in CLC or IBCLC. This also includes expenditures to other similar programs. Regular WIC funds can be used for these items depending on the contracting local agency's policies. The Montana State Breastfeeding Coalition has offered out a scholarship to cover the expense of the IBCLC exam. Be on the lookout for an announcement a few months before the exam registration is required.

Other Discussion

Facebook to discuss issues, has it been set up? Yes it has been set up. Dawn said that she would send information for the minutes. She sent:

The facebook group we set up a year or so ago is called: **Montana WIC PBC Program**

It is searchable. Anyone should be able to find it with that title or those key words. If people are interested in participating in discussions/support via that group, I suggest they go in to settings and turn their notifications on for that group.

Mary Strand said she will collect names for the contact list of BPCP supervisors and breastfeeding peer counselors. Please send the information to mstand@mt.gov.

Chris did mention that we had recently signed the funding form for 2016 BPCP funds stating that Montana would accept all of our 2016 funds and would not be returning any 2015 funds for reallocation.

April 25, 2016, at the WIC Spring Meeting and Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative is a face-to-face meeting. Details to be announced about the evening meeting.

The next BPCP conference call will be June 23, 2026 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.